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Harcourt Park requests help with bridge

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Staff Reporter

Residents of Harcourt Park are hoping the Municipality of Dysart et al will provide them with some financial assistance, as the private community seeks to replace a bridge within its boundaries.

Harcourt Park contains 18 lakes and is home to about 550 families, some seasonal and some year-round. Residents pay fees that are used to cover a variety of expenses, including four-season road maintenance. It maintains 45 kilometres of roads, at a cost of approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000 a year.

A bridge within the community needs to be replaced by 2020, according to an engineering study conducted in 2014. Called the Straggle Narrows Bridge, it's an important piece of infrastructure for the community. It was constructed in

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Hockey fans

Stuart Baker Elementary School students Luke Gruppe, left, and Easton Burk perform Jouer au Hockey in the annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. More photos on page 4. /DARREN LUM Staff

Old skate park repurposed into outdoor skating rink

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

About a year ago, Steve Roberts, then president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, and Walt McKechnie, Dysart et al's Ward 5 councillor, had the same idea at the same time: repurposing the leftover cement pad at the old skate park by converting it into an outdoor skate pad and

ice rink.

This week, that idea moved closer to reality when, through the collective effort of the Rotary Club and the township, rink sideboards were installed at the old skate park, located on Maple Avenue near the library.

"It was my idea through Rotary and Walt's idea through council, and we all came together to make the project happen," said Steve.

Steve said he thought of the idea when wondering what to do with the cement pad that was left when the old skate park was replaced by the Haliburton Junction Skate Park, located near the A.J. LaRue arena, a project that Rotary contributed \$25,000 toward. In the winter, the rink can be used for skating or hockey, and in the warmer months, it can be used for ball

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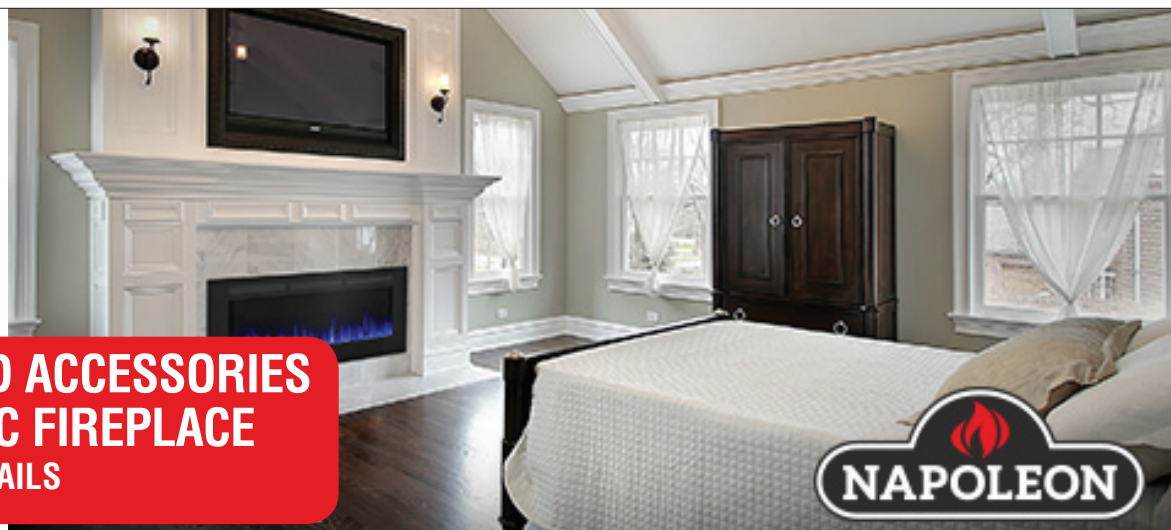
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New Haliburton rink to be used year-round

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hockey, with Steve noting the possibility could be there for basketball or lacrosse use as well. Municipal staff might also develop programming that can include the rink in more formal opportunities for play.

"I knew the space was there, and I grew up playing pond hockey and street hockey," said Steve. "This would be another space in the town for the youth to use."

Walt, who played for almost two decades in the NHL, said outdoor rinks help kids develop skills.

"When I was a kid, I always played on an outdoor rink," he said. "We always had a place to play, whether it was two or 10 or 20 kids, we made it work."

Sourcing the boards to put the rink together resulted in discussion about options available, whether the set-up should be wooden or metal. Ultimately, the option of a galvanized steel set was chosen.

"We wanted it to be available for use year-round," said Steve. "That's why we decided to go with the steel [set]. A wooden frame would only last about 15 years and then would have to be replaced. This is a long-term [solution]."

While sourcing materials to build the rink, Steve found a deal on a set of slightly used arena boards that had been used at home by a man in Burlington, reducing the cost from about \$40,000 for a new product to \$15,000.

"This is a good product," said Steve. "The steel frame will last forever, you can't go wrong buying slightly used boards that will last for about 20 years, maybe longer."

"Steve did a great job in tracking down



The walls go up on the new outdoor ice rink where the skate park used to be on Maple Avenue close to the Haliburton library branch, across from Emmerson Lumber. /LAURA SMITH Staff

the gentleman that wanted to sell it," said Walt. "It sure fits the bill for us."

"It's a very unusual thing to purchase," said Mayor Andrea Roberts, who is married to Steve. "It's not like finding a used car on Kijiji. And it was the right size."

Andrea said the outdoor skating rink fit with what the municipality needs.

"Rotary has just been phenomenal," she said, noting some of the other projects that Rotary Club of Haliburton had partnered with the township on in the past, including the town docks and the band-shell. After the Rotary Club's \$12,000 contribution, Dysart et al paid for the remain-

ing third of the outdoor rink project, about \$5,000.

"It's just so good for our youth, to get them all outside, playing a good ol' game of hockey," said McKechnie.

Due to mild weather, it's likely the ice itself won't be available for use until after Christmas Day, but the boards were completely installed in one day last week. Municipal staff will flood the rink as soon as possible and will maintain it through the season, although shovels will be on hand for kids or residents to help clear the ice, which Walt said he and his friends did back in the day.

"I think it'll all work," he said. "We all used to do it, we were all called rink rats."

The municipality's parks and rec staff will be adding netting to the rink to protect traffic from stray pucks and balls and possibly benches so skaters can have a place to sit and tie up their skates. Additionally, Steve and Walt discussed the future possibility of adding lighting to the area for nighttime use, and an overhead roof cover, similar to what the outdoor rink in Buckhorn has.

The entire project totalled \$17,000 plus tax.

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Holiday meals brighten community spirits

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With all the bustle that comes with the arrival of the holiday season, it is not always easy to take the time to extend the spirit of giving beyond our immediate social circles.

Local dining establishments open their doors every year to give residents the opportunity to access a hot meal and a place to celebrate.

Every holiday season for six years, the staff at McKecks Tap & Grill in Haliburton have dedicated their time, energy and resources to host a free Benevolent Christmas Lunch open to the community.

Aaron Walker, manager and chef at McKecks, says it's the restaurant's sixth year hosting the event.

"A friend of mine wanted to distribute turkey and ham on Christmas day and approached me to see if I had any ideas to implement that," said Walker. "It seemed difficult in regards to logistics, so I said why don't we just open up McKecks and we'll have a free meal at the restaurant."

Walker emphasized that the dinner has always been universally accessible.

"It's difficult to ascertain who needs it and what the distribution system might be, so we thought we'll just make it open to all. It could be people in need of companionship, or people in need of some light in their day. Lots of people may be alone on Christmas day or feel they'd like some company and just want to get out and socialize."

McKecks will be preparing approximately 180 meals this year, including meals that will be delivered to individuals in the community.

A considerable amount of manpower is required to prepare for the lunch, with one person working full time for five days to put everything together.

All the food is prepared from scratch, including 18 to 20 turkeys and vast amounts of potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, sauces and desserts.

Volunteers assist with meal delivery, washing dishes, and other tasks.

Some volunteers transport community members who



Santa visited with families at West G Pizza & Grill in West Guilford on Dec. 13 this year. /Photo submitted

would otherwise be unable to attend.

Walker noted that many businesses and individuals in the community have supported McKecks over the years both financially and in-kind, and the Christmas lunch is a "pay it forward for the community that supports us. There is an element of community development."

This year's free Christmas lunch at McKecks will be held on Christmas day from 12 to 2 p.m. and will feature

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Everyone supported us. We wanted to celebrate with everyone. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here.

— Rebecca Bamford
West G Pizza & Grill

live music from Gord Kidd. RSVPs are appreciated but not mandatory.

This year, another local restaurant opened its doors to provide community members with a free holiday meal. Owners Rebecca Bamford and Andrew Wilbee bought the West G Pizza & Grill last June.

"Everyone supported us," recalled Bamford. "We wanted to celebrate with everyone. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here."

The owners, their friends and some volunteers cooked turkeys, vegetables, stuffing, buns and desserts for almost 200 diners on the evening of Dec. 13. Children's presents and candy were donated by John and Brenda Smith and Cottage Country Log Cabin.

West Guilford resident Kinga Baricz attended the West G Pizza & Grill dinner event with her father. "It was so amazing...we saw [the owners] in the community and they invited us for dinner. Everybody treated me like they knew me. It was such an uplifting day! When I think about it, I could cry."

Baricz noted that these community gatherings create positive effects that reverberate and inspire others to contribute in their own way. "Maybe others will realize from learning about this – we should all go and help out more in the community. It would be nice if others did more of these events or helped with them. There are so many ways you can help."

Project estimated to cost at least \$200K

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1960, and updated in 1980. The plan is to replace it with a pre-engineered steel structure, with the project estimated to cost \$200,000 to \$350,000.

"It's essential, this bridge, because it connects both the east side and west side of Harcourt Park," Harcourt Park Inc. president Greg Weeks told Dysart et al councillors during a presentation at their Dec. 17 meeting.

Harcourt Park residents still pay taxes to the Municipality of Dysart, to the tune of about \$900,000 a year, and Weeks and other members of the park's executive told councillors they would appreciate any level of financial assistance council might be willing to contribute toward the project.

Their presentation also highlighted how the park eases the burden on municipal services by providing a number of services for itself. A brush recycling program, for example, reduces the use of municipal landfills.

Councillors acknowledged that Harcourt Park presents a unique circumstance.

"I'll turn it over to questions, but definitely it will go to budget," said Mayor Andrea Roberts, referring to council deliberations for the township's 2019 budget. "It is a unique situation."

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy wanted to know if the park corporation had been building any financial reserves for the project.

"We're trying to be proactive about it," Weeks said, indicating that some money was being set aside.

Kennedy also wondered what liability the township may incur if it became a funder in the project, and wondered if township staff would be able to be part of bridge inspections and the request for proposals process, which seemed like it was unlikely to be the case.



4Cs gets holiday donation

Haliburton 4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff, left, accepts a \$670 cheque for the food bank from The Haliburton Real Estate Team's leader Linda Baumgartner and her assistant Kim Barnhart, on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in Haliburton. Baumgartner said the donation was raised in part by clients, who attended the annual client appreciation party and gave \$335, which was matched by the Real Estate Team, including food donations. In two years, the team has given close to \$1,000 to the food bank. Absent from the photo: broker Karen Wood, assistant Marion Wingrove and office administrative staff Alyssa Kinghorn. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Friends and family enjoy holiday concert

From left, JDHES Grade 7/8 students Sydney Parish, Ella Stamp, Annie Merrifield, Sophie Longo, Ella Malott-Carl and Lily Manning perform during the French Remix song and dance number in the annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Hundreds packed the audience to see students from kindergarten to Grade 8 sing, dance and perform seasonal numbers. This was the first time JDHES and Stuart Baker Elementary School students came together to host the Holiday Concert. /DARREN LUM Staff



SBES's Ruby Andrews extends her hands in the air for the Le Danse du Pere Noel number, performed by Grade 2s and 3s in the annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18.



JDHES's Lincoln Holden performs the 'Twas a Fortnite Before Christmas Dance in the annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18.



A SBES teacher directs the Grade 2/3 students for the Holiday Medley number in the annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

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Kids at the first annual Haliburton Lions Club children's Christmas party follow along during a song. The event, held Dec. 15 at the Haliburton United Church, featured music, games, crafts and treats for children aged four to eight. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Kids and kids at heart do the "Christmas pokey."



Lions throw kids a Christmas bash

Above, Lions Kathryn Kidd and Gail Stelter, in the guise of characters from the North Pole, greet kids at the Haliburton Lions Club children's Christmas party.

Left, Lion Gord Kidd provided the music.



Dare bear visits SBES

Haliburton Foodland and Dare Foods teamed up to deliver hundreds of snacks to students at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton on Dec. 12. Along with their friend Pawley the bear, Brad Park of Foodland and Greg Hunt of Dare Foods handed out Bear Paws crackers to kids at SBES and Wee Care. In addition, Foodland made a \$500 donation to the school to use for whatever they'd like. /JENN WATT Staff



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Lions honour Murray Fearrey's service

The Melvin Jones Fellowship, which was created in 1973, takes its name from the founder of Lions Clubs International. It is given to acknowledge an individual's dedication to service. The Haliburton and District Lions Club was proud to present this honour to Murray Fearrey, retired mayor of Dysart et al, for his 40 years of service to our community. Lion David Mills made the presentation at the Haliburton Lions Christmas Dinner at the Pepper Mill Restaurant. /Submitted



We would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped with our successful Turkey Dinner December 13.
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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Dear Santa

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE parts of putting together the annual Season's Greetings section of the paper is reading the kids' letters. Over the past couple of weeks I've been reading a lot of Christmas, Hanukkah and holiday submissions as our staff assembled several special sections in Bancroft, Haliburton and Minden. We collected feature stories and photos of Santa making appearances around the county along with children's art, short stories, poetry and letters to St. Nick himself.

The best part of the students' submissions by far is their creative, outside-the-box thinking when writing about the most magical time of year. You can't help but smile when you read what they have to say.

An Archie Stouffer Elementary School class was asked to list the steps to stay on Santa's nice list. One student wisely recommended helping the teacher out and cheering her up: "All you have to do if you have chocolate is give her the chocolate, but first eat most of the chocolate."

Another student said you need to leave Santa milk, because "he likes to chug the milk." That sounds about right.

One student in Bancroft told Santa that it's nice to live in Bancroft, "but sometimes I wish I had a plane ticket to New York."

Another Bancroft student asked for 60 more cats along with about a million "beanie boos."

A child named Gracie kindly

inquired whether Santa had any allergies before she committed to leaving him food.

And then there are those who give comprehensive wish lists. "I'd also like a fish or a hamster, earplugs, some world peace and more homework," wrote one student in Bancroft. (The writer explained neither the homework request nor the earplugs.)

At ASES, one class was asked to design a suit for Santa that would make his life better. The kids came

up with creative solutions to all of his problems, from fireproofing the fabric to help him navigate hot chimneys to invisibility cloaks to sneak by nosy children.

A student named Beth had this thoughtful solution to what must be a workplace hazard for the Man in Red: "he needs to get two pockets built on his coat. One is called the dissolver and it

eats the cookies he does not like so the kids do not get upset if he does not eat the cookies," she wrote. "The [second] pocket is called the keeper. It keeps the cookies he likes warm."

I think most of us could use those two pockets when we attend holiday events through our travels. I hope Beth keeps working on the prototype for that suit.

Thank you for reading the pages of the *Haliburton Echo* this year and helping us report on this community we all love. Wishing you a safe and restful holiday. We will be taking next week off. Our next *Echo* will arrive on newsstands Tuesday, Jan. 8.



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Editorial

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Haliburton Lake

by Darren Lum

Past and present(s)

MAN, THAT WAS a tough Christmas. Such were Kate's thoughts as she recalled other holidays from years gone by. Hanging another sparkly snowflake on the tree, she remembered a time when life was so different. But today she was very pleased with this year's Christmas tree. A beautifully shaped spruce, it stretched to her living room ceiling with just enough space for the star at its peak.

When she finished the decorations, Kate stepped back to admire the final, magical result. Twinkling lights reflected off so many decorations she would have been hard pressed to add a single one. With a deep sigh of contentment, she poured herself a cup of tea and sat down by the fire to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Filled with colour and light, the room was an oasis of beauty and calm. It bore no resemblance to that first Christmas when she was on her own, a single parent with no extra money for Christmas. A time before food banks and the many other organizations that now step up to help people out this time of year, Kate's Christmas was a time she had been dreading for weeks.

Fortunately the kids were still pretty young and since they didn't have television, there wasn't the non-stop barrage of Christmas commercials and overly sentimental programs. "The most wonderful time of the year" did not apply to Kate's situation back then.

But it's amazing how resourceful people can be, she thought as she continued to sit and sip. That first Christmas she had cut her own tree from the side of the road two days before Dec. 25. Stringing cranberries and popcorn plus paper snowflakes the children made from newspaper, added a festive touch even without lights.

It was the gifts dilemma that had her feeling pretty inadequate that year. That was when her neighbours stepped up to help. Although they didn't have much more money than Kate, over a few days they showed up at her door with homemade baking, a venison roast and small items for the children. Scented soap, a jig-

saw puzzle and knitted hats and mitts ended up tucked under their little tree.

Being a novice at country living, Kate hadn't realized the firewood she had purchased in the fall was still green and didn't burn well. As a result the little house was never very warm, despite her best efforts and a great deal of kindling. So when a chord of dry firewood arrived on Christmas Eve from Joe down the road, she couldn't have been happier. It meant that at least over the holidays, the house would be toasty warm.

Keeping warm had long since ceased to be a problem for Kate. The kids were

now adults with children of their own. They would be arriving in a couple of days bringing food and gifts to add to what Kate had put away for this special time of year. A turkey dinner would leave everyone groaning with pleasure and presents would sit by the front door, ready to be taken home.

Kate didn't care a fig about gifts for herself though she always managed to acquire some. At her age, there was little she needed so she told the kids that "peace of mind"

was all she really wanted for Christmas. Of course, they still gave her socks and skin care products, chocolates and extra warm mitts. They all knew there was pleasure in giving as much as in receiving.

Right now the western sky outside her window had turned scarlet above the tree line. Soon it would be dark and Kate's lights would shine red and green on the snowy branches beside her front door. She looked out the kitchen window as she washed out her cup. It had started to snow again and she smiled. A fresh dusting of white would set a picture-perfect scene although she was glad not to have to drive anywhere.

In the end, the best presents were a beautiful setting, peace of mind and the thoughtfulness of family and friends. Those were the priceless gifts that carried us through the toughest times. Though dry firewood was always welcomed as well.

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Our road

points of view

Deer-liverance

IT BEGAN WITH ONE of those sophisticated questions you won't get in any bustling, big city post office.

"Didn't we speak of deer liver before?" she said in a hushed voice.

I was taken aback – not solely because, in my bachelor days, this was my least successful pickup line. It was more because conversations about deer liver abound in my cultured world and I had to sort out in my mind which conversation she was referring to.

So I began to recollect. Had we spoken about deer liver in the library? Had the topic come up in passing during some sort of highfalutin social event? Perhaps at a tractor pull or a turnip judging contest?

The answer somehow eluded me.

Nevertheless, my father raised me right. He always said, "Son, when a lady wants to discuss deer liver, a gentleman obliges."

Recalling that advice, possibly incorrectly, I gave the matter some further thought.

I took a deep breath and began the process of deciding where to begin regarding the weighty subject of deer liver. Should I open with the basics? As in, "The deer liver is an organ a deer can ruin by too much alcoholic consumption." Or should I go with the more flippant, "Did you know the deer liver is a vital organ on a deer situated just behind the lungs?"



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Loon Tales

Then I realized this woman seems to know a thing or two about deer liver. So it occurred to me that I should perhaps begin with an intermediate discussion about the liver's role in the production of bile, quoting some of the latest scientific research, only if necessary. I won't lie to you; I was tempted to discuss the production of amino acids too. The only thing that stopped me was the fact that lately, I've gone down that road a little too often.

What I am describing, of course, is a situation that almost every hunter faces several times a year and more frequently during the holiday season.

You don't have to be a Hunter's Safety Course graduate to know proper etiquette is required to discuss matters of deer liver in a public or social setting. The last thing you want to do when discussing deer innards is appear gauche.

Nor do you want to dominate the conversation, for talk of deer liver is just as enjoyable for the speaker as the listener. With that in mind, I looked back at the woman and she said, "Remember, you said you could give me some deer liver?"

"Oh," I said. "Yes, now I remember. I do have some deer liver for you."

A few minutes later she showed up at my house and I gave her deer liver to make a pâté she enjoyed. Sadly, for everyone involved there was no time to do what is commonly done in polite company – which is to declare your favourite deer liver function. For the record, mine is the metabolism of fats, proteins and carbohydrates. Call me boring, if you like, but I stand by it.

In the end, she left with some deer liver. And I felt good about being able to help a fellow deer liver enthusiast during the holiday season.

Let's fact it, if you couldn't give the gift of deer liver at Christmas time, it would just be offal.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is from the early 1900s. From left, unknown, Winnett Austin, unknown, Wellington Austin, Margaret Austin, and Bertha Austin stand in front of Austin's Confectionery Store on Highland Street. /From the Echo archives

Donate to help the county youth hub

Don't know what to give the person who has everything this holiday season?

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Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub – providing an inclusive and welcoming space for all youth aged 12-25 in our community – is a much needed resource that will reduce the isolation experienced by our youth population, engage them in a meaningful way in the community, and enable seamless and coordinated access to a range of supports including mental health and addictions.

Renovations to Hali's Youth Hub include making the building accessible (including stair lifts and washrooms) requiring substantial rebuild, a small commercial kitchen, creating multi-functional space upstairs for cooking classes, music and art workshops, and peer-to-

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Dealing with stress and depression during the holidays

Hectic schedules, plenty of demands, and oversized expectations that come with the holiday season can lead to feelings of stress and depression among some

people. "There are many demands put on people at this time of year, including holiday parties, gift buying, family get-togethers, overexcited children, extra

meal planning, and financial concerns," says Marisa Curran, a public health nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "All of

these added pressures can lead to frayed nerves, short fuses, damaged relationships and depression which has an impact on people's health."

Curran offers some practical steps to help area residents cope or reduce holiday stress and depression. "Trying to reduce stress before it takes an emotional toll can pay off," she notes, "and you might find you start to enjoy the holidays." To reduce stress, the health unit suggests the following:

- Show your feelings. If someone close to you has recently passed away or you're unable to be with family over the holidays, realize it's OK to show, and share, your grief and emotions.

- Reach out to others, especially if you are feeling lonely or isolated. Seeking out community or social events can offer support and companionship. Volunteering to help others can also lift your spirits and make you feel more connected.

- Be realistic about the holidays. Change your expectations about the festive season; it doesn't have to be perfect. As family dynamics change, holiday traditions and rituals will too. Hold on to a few traditions and be open to new ones.

- Set aside differences with family and friends. Accept others as they are. If possible, set aside grievances until there is a more appropriate time to discuss. If necessary, limit time spent socializing with loved ones if these situations make you feel anxious or angry.

- Stick to a budget. Deciding how much you can afford to pay for gifts will reduce the financial strain – and related stress and anxiety – on your family. Happiness can't be bought with gifts, so show your love in creative ways. Consider gifts of time, such as spending a day with a loved one or teaching a child a new hobby or skill.

- Plan for success. Set aside specific days to shop, bake, decorate, visit or do other activities. Plan meals in advance and line up what you'll need to buy. Don't be afraid to ask for help to prepare for or clean up from parties and meals.

- Learn to say no. Agreeing to take part in a project or activity for which you have no time can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Set realistic expectations for what you can do over the holidays. Seek balance and try not to overdo it.

- Make time for the people who matter most in your life. Rather than rushing around, take a break by planning outdoor winter activities with your children or plan a date night with your partner.

- Don't abandon your health. Eat healthy; you can still enjoy a holiday treat, while keeping in mind portion control. Get enough sleep and try to be active every day. Make time for yourself to recharge from the holiday bustle, such as taking a walk, listening to music or reading a book.

- Seek professional help if required. Despite your best efforts, you may still feel sad, anxious, stressed or unable to cope. If these feelings persist, speak to your health care provider or a mental health professional. Locally, the Canadian Mental Health Association (www.cmhahkpr.ca) provides a free, 24/7 professional crisis support line at 1-866-995-9933.



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All I want for Christmas? Not getting sick!

WHY IF LAKE Whaddaya-think I mean hasn't become the petri dish for the grunge. The GRUNGE meaning this nasty (to be kind, I can think of a lot stronger words that can't be printed here) cold virus that folks are sharing like it's Christmas candy, don'tcha know. Well, 'ol Maybelle is having none of it. We're a community of mostly older folks and too many of us are catching this bug and ending up with pneumonia or bronchitis and being laid up for weeks, even when it remains just a cold.

Now, why has this become so rampant in Lake W? Because folks who are sick continue to go to work, socialize, and go into public places when they should be home resting and keeping their germs to themselves!

Yes, 'ol Maybelle is on a rant, because my very dear friends, Beanpole Starkman, Twindle Mumbly and even our younger friend, Vilma Yuccch, are all down for the count with the grunge and 'ol Maybelle better stay healthy to keep making them soup!

On a brighter note, I'm going to share some important information that can help us protect ourselves and each other from getting sick this holiday season, don'tcha know.

Now, according to the Cedars-Sinai blog: Am I Still Contagious? "You're generally contagious with a cold one to two days before your symptoms start, and you could be contagious as long as your

symptoms are present: five to seven days, in rare cases, up to two weeks."

Knowing that, there are things we can do to prevent spreading a cold to our friends and community. You see, both the flu and a cold are generally spread through the air, by close contact, or contaminated surfaces. So what we need to do when we're sick is, number one: STAY HOME!

Got a sore throat? Cancel that dinner engagement. Your friends will thank you for not getting them sick! Work in a store or restaurant and your cold is still hanging on? Stay home! Volunteering for something and think you're a hero by showing up sick? WRONG! Stay home! Got tickets to a concert that you really want to see, but you're sick? Give them away, but don't go into a space where you'd be spreading germs simply by sitting for hours with others.

If you absolutely have to go into a public place to get groceries or medicine, etc., wear a surgical mask. They're inexpensive and you can buy them at your local pharmacy. And if you live with others, you should all wear surgical masks, unless you like sharing being sick. You know, somebody has to stay well to take care of the grungees.

Dr. Jonathan Grein, Cedars-Sinai's director of hospital epidemiology, suggests taking extra precautions to protect your family at home. "To help prevent the spread of illness, it is important to wash your hands, eating utensils, and linens

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Fireside stories

frequently and thoroughly. You should also avoid touching doorknobs directly and wear a face mask if you're coughing or sneezing."

Dr. Grein also recommends covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, cleaning your hands often with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand rub, and avoiding touching your face as much as possible.

Now, when should you take antibiotics? Again, according to the Cedars-Sinai blog: "You should only take antibiotics to treat infections caused by bacteria. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses, so they don't treat illnesses like the common cold or flu," says Hai Tran, PharmD, associate director of drug use policy at Cedars-Sinai.

More from the Cedars-Sinai blog:

"When do you need antibiotics?"

For whooping cough, strep throat, urinary tract infection (usually caused by bacteria.)"

"You don't need antibiotics if you have a cold/runny nose, bronchitis/chest cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults), flu, sore throat (except strep), and fluid in the middle ear (usually caused by viruses)."

So, as the snow keeps falling and Christmas grows near stay well, dear reader, and help others stay well so you can all enjoy this wonderful holiday season.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, *Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon*, is available at amazon.com.



Contractors breakfast

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High school student savouring TLDSB position

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's all about giving back. Grade 12 student Chloé Samson has loved being the Trillium Lakelands District School Board student trustee, voted by student representatives to start the school year.

The student trustee's responsibilities include attending board and G7 Student Senate meetings. The trustee also attends trustee conferences in Toronto and Ottawa.

Samson has enjoyed the opportunity to represent not only her school, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, but all the high schools in TLDSB.

"I have to attend all these meetings with open ears and unbiased stature as I can't speak for everyone if I only speak from my perspective," she said.

"I wanted to be the trustee instead of just a rep because I felt like if I didn't go as far as I could then I wouldn't be doing all I could for my friends and school," she wrote in an email.

Samson wants to head east for her post-secondary school education.

Although she has been accepted to a few other universities in Ontario, she is still hoping to be accepted to St. Francis Xavier University for the undergraduate psychology program. With her grandparents living only minutes away, it's an ideal situation to have family close, particularly when it comes to laundry, she said, joking.

Samson equated the approach she has taken as a student trustee to what she believes she would need as a psychologist.

"Doing the student trustee position I definitely am looking out for everyone and I'm all about student voice so I kind of have to go at things not from my views and my opinion, but from everyone else's so I really have to listen to what other people are saying and try to understand how they're feeling, which is definitely a lot of what a psychologist does," she said.

She finds it difficult to overcome common misconceptions about her position.

"Sometimes the job is hard when students think my job is to just get cheaper cafeteria food or get them every club they've ever wanted because those are not necessarily things in my job description or are that easily accessible," she said. "I do however love having a voice that can get to the people higher up than say my principal and when people ask me questions to look into or other information when I have the ability to get back to them it is very rewarding."

Among the things students have asked to have improved: parking and toilet paper. On the surface these requests don't seem very significant, but little things can add up to the overall atmosphere.

Samson said she and the G7 are currently working on a student survey with assistance from the board. The student survey is about improving the sense of community in school.

"We don't have a lot of students coming to our dances or a lot of people joining clubs. I think that's because we don't have a sense of community in our school. I think as the student trustee ... one of the main goals is to create a sense of community and involvement. To get students more excited to be at school. Get them to join clubs and work harder for their grades and strive to be the best they can be."

The G7 student survey will be released March Break. The idea came from a list of past work such as the Great



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Chloé Samson has loved being the Trillium Lakelands District School Board student trustee this year. She is the fourth HHSS student to be elected by the G7 student senate in five years. / DARREN LUM Staff

Grain Challenge, the end of the year conference, and the G7 conference.

"We are pleased to be working with Chloé Samson this year as our student trustee for 2018-2019," Larry Hope, director of education at TLDSB said in a prepared statement.

HHSS students have a strong hold on leading the G7, which is made up of students from schools across the school board.

G7 Student Senate representatives have voted for Highlands students to assume the trustee role four of the past five years: Tori Hawley, Carmen Galea, Madeline Hopkins and now Samson.

Samson knew Galea and Hopkins personally and believes their friendly personalities played a part in getting elected.

She said her speech was less about herself and more about what she hoped she could do for others, which was a contrast to her opponent.

Hopkins, last year's student trustee, advised Samson to be prepared and open to meeting new people.

"I'm so happy that so many people from our school want to be part of it," she said. "I definitely think, 'wow, she did it and she did this and I have to do something that is awesome.'"

Samson said change is difficult and takes time.

"[Changes] won't necessarily happen immediately because they have to go to the board and I have to get it through. I have to do a lot of things before I see it be accomplished, but if I don't necessarily get something done then I will 100 per cent give it to the next student trustee," she said. "Really, I don't have a say if they want to do it or not, but hopefully they will."

As a student trustee, she has a non-binding vote at the board level. Whatever motion she wants to introduce she needs to speak to a board member to put it forward for her.

Having an open mind has helped Samson with avoiding disappointment.

"I went in saying I'm going to do as much as I can. I told them I can't promise anything, but just bring to me what you want me to do and I'll try my best," she said.

Her new perspective has humbled her.

The experience as a student trustee, which included a visit to all the schools of the G7, has broadened her knowledge of what challenges face all the students she is serving.

She learned about how Huntsville High School has close to 1,000 students and how I.E. Weldon Secondary School offers students the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a pre-university course of study that demands the best from both motivated students and teacher.

As a person who doesn't shy away from public appearances and speaking, she has noticed a heightened sense of confidence with the inherent duties as a student trustee.

"It's given me another sense of confidence because when I'm in this position I don't just talk to people my age. I have to go and speak to the board, which is all older people and ... then I have to kind of not be shy and get my opinion across," she said. "If I don't have confidence to put my hand up at the board table then I won't get a chance to say anything to represent the students."

Samson has appreciated how the TLDSB has welcomed her and encouraged her.

Before she went to any of the student trustee meetings, she was a little apprehensive about the other students. She thought they would be very serious academics who focused a lot on politics.

Now she looks forward to the meetings and has become closer to the other students.

"I've really connected with all of those kids now. We're just like one big family," she said.



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Teachers surprise students with breakfast
Teachers were busy serving up breakfast to students during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School annual Surprise Student Breakfast on Monday, Dec. 17 in Haliburton.



"Big shoutout to the staff who organized and those who contributed to donating, cooking, and serving all the delicious foods! It was also great to see the participation in today's PJ Spirit Day!" the HHSS Twitter account posted last week. Submitted by David Waito



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HHSS students perform Clue

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 students Nick Graham, as Colonel Mustard, left, Nick Toth, as Mr. Green, and Braeden Sharpe, as the butler, Wadsworth, perform in the student production of *Clue* on Monday evening, Dec. 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The Grade 11 students taught by Ryan Merritt had worked on the comedic, whodunnit play, which was an end-of-semester project, since September. The students not only performed, but created the sets, and were assisted with costumes by Highlands Little Theatre. They will be helping the Grade 12 drama students stage *Mamma Mia* on Jan. 12./DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 student Braeden Sharpe, as the butler, Wadsworth, points a gun during the student production of *Clue* on Monday evening, Dec. 17.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 students Rebecca Archibald, as Miss Scarlett, left, Krystin Hope, as Yvette and Trista Greer, as Mrs. White perform during the student production of *Clue* on Monday evening, Dec. 17.



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Hawks ground Falcons attack

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Coming into Tuesday's game, the Hawks looked like they were going to be in for a test with the visiting Falcons. At least that's what it looked like on paper, as the Red Hawks junior boys' basketball team entered play 2-2 just like the Falcons, who had beaten the same teams (Brock and St. Thomas) with similar margins of victory.

That wasn't the reality, as the Hawks won easily, defeating Fenelon Falls 64-20 with a balanced attack on offence and stifling defence, aided in large part to the home side's speed to pressure ball carriers.

Head coach Paul Longo thought it was injuries to the Falcons that contributed (that wasn't confirmed) to the lopsided score.

"I think Fenelon was missing a couple of guys today," he said. "But, with that said, we played well. We were efficient and playing really good D all year."

Despite this dominant performance, Longo believes his team has the potential to get better because of a great attitude and a commitment to the team and one another.

"We're feeling good about what's to come in the new year and we feel like we're getting better and better. We have a lot of work to do. There's some issues we have to work on, but the chemistry is great. They really play for each other, which I really like, and their commitment to the defensive part of the game has been really good," he said.

He pointed to the team's commitment to defence, which was part of the team's emphasis since the start.

Among teams in the Kawartha Junior League that have played five games, the team ranks first in points allowed with just 147. Undeclared Adam Scott and I.E. Weldon have allowed 182 and 183 points, respectively.

"We knew the offence would come and it's really started to come now. They're scoring on average 45 points a game now and we're allowing no more than 30. Those are good numbers," he said.

The team understands success later in the season has a lot to do with defence.

There were six players with five or more points against the Falcons.

Jaxson Gill led all scorers with 10 points while teammates Vikram Marathe scored nine, Brian Kim finished with eight, and Holden Dupret-Smith, Camden Marra and Teo O'Malley, each with six points.

Longo has loved his balanced roster from positions one to five.

In particular, the strong play from second year players Brian Kim, Jaxson Gill, Camden Marra, Holden Dupret-Smith, including Vikram Marathe, who he called the "most improved guy I've seen since Grade 9. No question."

Before the Falcons game, the team had just played an open tournament in Bracebridge over the Dec. 15/16 weekend where the in-game experience went a long way to improving the team's play, he said. Although the team went winless through three games, they were in tough with a strong field of teams, which included a tough game against Bradford, who stymied the Hawks with a full-court press, a one point loss (40-39) to Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School and a close game (44-30) against Kawartha League high school, Adam Scott.

"It showed us we're a very competitive team," he said.

The Bradford loss, he said, showed the team needs to improve on their press break.

Another area, he adds, was improving on transition from defence to offence, particularly on fast-breaks.

For all the good things up to this point in the season there is room to grow.

"There's still lots to do. We're nowhere near where we want to be, but so far so good," he said.

The team, he said, is easy to work with and have been open to learning.

The Hawks will be seeking redemption, as they start the new year with a road game against top-ranked and undefeated (5-0) I.E. Weldon in Lindsay on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The red and white lost to I.E. Weldon 35-22 to open the season. Two days after the I.E. Weldon game, the Hawks will host the Bulldogs of Brock High School on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The Hawks beat the Bulldogs in their first meeting 50-22. Tip off is at 3 p.m.



Red Hawks junior centre Tim Turner drives into the lane against Falcons defender Jack Van Dusen during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in Haliburton. The Hawks won 64-20 and improve to 3-2 before the holiday break. /DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior player Bronson McCord pushes the ball forward on his way to a fastbreak layup for two points.



Red Hawks junior point guard and team captain Camden Marra drives into the paint against Falcons defender Sammy Jenkinson.

Hawks make noise at Thunder Tournament

Connie Oh brilliant with gold medal performance

Nine representatives of the HHSS Wrestling team competed at the Thunder Wrestling Tournament hosted on Thursday, Dec. 13 by St. Mary Secondary School in Cobourg.

It was the third tournament of the season for the Hawks and included more than 100 wrestlers.

While the tournament was relatively small, the wrestling calibre was excellent. Teams from as far as Montreal attended the event, elevating the level of competition.

Haliburton wrestlers continue to

improve and gained valuable mat experience at the tournament. Connie Oh went undefeated to win the gold medal. Logan Heaven wrestled his best tournament of the season, but lost in the final

to take the silver medal. Ethan Coles and Nic Graham round out the medal count by winning their consolation final to earn bronze.

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8. Anticipated arrival time
11. French commune
13. Cigarette (slang)
14. Nobleman
15. Ghana capital
16. Adam's wife
17. Most popular student
18. Where you currently are
20. Increase motor speed
21. Queen of Sparta
22. North, South and Central
25. Churchgoer
30. Russian empress
31. Female daredevils organization
32. Relating to music
33. Female body part
38. Tyron Lannister
41. Honored
43. Argentine footballer
45. Novices
47. Wings
49. Doctors' group
50. Packers' QB

55. Qatar capital
56. Unpleasant noise
57. Lovable elephant
59. Sleeping
60. Lute
61. Weight of a liter of hydrogen
62. Crimson
63. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
64. Employee plan

CLUES DOWN

1. Helps little firms
2. Type of curtain
3. Online stock exchange
4. Irish castle
5. Audio-system
6. Places to grab a drink
7. What's coming
8. Designed chairs
9. Stepped on
10. Genus of birds
12. Consume
14. Ancient Syrian city
19. Australian brewery
23. Not present
24. Necktie
25. What part of (abbr.)
26. Type of compound

27. Jogged quickly
28. Roth is one type
29. Mineral
34. Purpose
35. Financial term (abbr.)
36. Orange is the New Black character
37. Used to cut and shape wood
39. Bullfighter
40. Top of the line
41. Hill
42. Greek mountain
44. Angola's capital
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Fermented honey beverage
47. Month in the Jewish calendar
48. Frontal is one type
51. Basics
52. Uncommon
53. Broad kimono sashes
54. European defense organization
58. Box score term

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Red Hawks Grade 10 wrestler Ethan Coles defends a leg attack from a senior wrestler from Montreal on Dec. 13 during the Thunder Wrestling Tournament at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School in Cobourg. There were 100 athletes at the event that drew wrestlers from as far as Montreal to compete. Photo by Nick Phippen



Red Hawks wrestler Nic Graham has his arm raised by an official after winning the bronze medal match in the 89 kilogram weight class on Dec. 13 during the Thunder Wrestling Tournament at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School in Cobourg. There were 100 athletes at the event that drew wrestlers from as far as Montreal to compete. Photo by Nick Phippen



All-Stars at A.J. LaRue

For the first time in a number of years, Haliburton County played host to the MPS (Muskoka Parry Sound) All-Star Games at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Dec. 16. The day brings together some of the top players from minor hockey teams in the region, players from different teams playing alongside one another. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

U18 curling team to compete at Canadian Winter Games Trials

The U18 Women's Competitive Curling Team, Team Byers, comprised of lead Savannah Byers, second Lena Haase, vice Paige Ballantyne (from Owen Sound), and skip Jessica Byers, based out of the Haliburton Curling Club, have won the Canadian Winter Games Pre-Qualifiers that took place at the Orangeville Curling Club from Dec. 7 to 9. They beat out seven other teams to qualify to compete as one of eight U18 women's teams from all over Ontario, at the Canadian Winter Games Trials in Sault Ste. Marie from Jan. 3 to 6, 2019 for the opportunity to represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games to be held in Red Deer, Alberta at the end of February. Team Byers would like to thank their coaches Hugh Nichol and Scotty Boyd as well as their sponsors: Rodco Enterprises, Todd's Independent, Molly's Bistro, Georgian Bay Phoenix Gymnastics and Acro, Block and Stone Resource Group Inc, Elsie's Diner and an anonymous donator for supporting them this season.

Submitted

Right, Scotty Boyd from the Minden Curling Club, coached the U18 curling team at the event in Orangeville. From left, Scotty Boyd, Jessica Byers, Paige Ballantyne, Lena Haase, Savannah Byers. Bottom, Hugh Nichol, from the Haliburton Curling Club, will be the team's coach at the Canada Winter Games Trials in Sault Ste. Marie. From left, Jessica Byers, Paige Ballantyne, Lena Haase, Savannah Byers, and Hugh Nichol. /Submitted



Parry Sound Trophy

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's rink of Jonah Aldom, left, Nathaniel Boore and Taylor Consack were presented the Parry Sound Trophy at a Ontario Curling Association's Elementary Provincial Championship on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Haliburton Curling Club. They finished the best of 72 school teams at the Pinty's Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship this past spring from April 5 to 8 at the Carleton Place Curling Club. The rink's success was rooted in the support they have received by the Haliburton Curling Club, which has provided coaching and ice time. Submitted by Hugh Nichol.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, January 9th, 2019
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2018-012 – Meek
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize the location of an existing shed and deck on a lot located in the RS zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a shed to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 5.5 metres (18 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit a shed to have a minimum setback from the centre line of Wonderland Road of 16 metre (52.5 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.41 feet).
 - c) An increase to the provisions of Section 3.7(a) to permit a deck attached to a main building to extend into a minimum setback area 4.5 metre (15 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 3 metres (9.843 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 8, Concession 7, Lot 1, Plan 138, Part 1, 19R-9189, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Wonderland Road – Kashagawigamog Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

Memories of carol services

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wilberforce

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What better way to celebrate than with music and lifting voices in song. There seems to have been much of that in this area as we approach Christmas Day.

There has been a community carol service in Wilberforce for many years. The first I recall since I retired back home 30 years ago was at St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Many came and joined in the singing. Memorable also was the number of candles we had burning. So many some feared we might burn down the church.

A couple of years later the United Church hosted it with the talented Elsie Lewis and Margaret Jeske continuing to lead the music and assembling choirs and all churches represented in reading the lessons. In the last few years this popular concert moved to the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. This year this cooperative ecumenical community Christmas service was hosted by the people at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Highland Grove. And what a joyful time it was! Good music both vocal and instrumental. Good messages. And very fine refreshments to conclude the afternoon service on Sunday, Dec. 8. Wonder if Santa who had visited Wilberforce earlier that day was there as well, perhaps in disguise?

The annual carol service at the historic Essonville Church was very well attended on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 16. The old bell again called the people in and tolled out into the hills as they headed home. Led this year by Brenda Gallant with Wayne Cooper playing the keyboard, voices were gladly raised in singing the familiar carols.

The story of the birth of Jesus was read by Joan Noble. Mayor Burton and Kathy Rogers, who leads the Essonville Church Committee, welcomed everyone. Rev. D. Watson spoke and offered prayer. Kathy with Stephanie and Dyvia gave two touching recitations. There were solos and duets. Thanks Brenda, Wayne, Hank and Dan for your music. And everyone sang. They came to sing and everyone sang heartily in this beautifully preserved historic place of worship.

May I extend to all a very happy time over this blessed season and may 2019 be a good one for you.

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A Christmas carol

Jack Brezina reads the first stave of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, which this year celebrates its 175th anniversary, during a performance at the St. George's Anglican Church on Dec. 5. The event was a joint effort between the church, the Highlands Little Theatre and the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Other readers that evening included John Jackson, Victoria Bingham, Paul Vorvis, Barry Wilhelm and Rita Jackson. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



John Jackson reads from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* during a dramatic presentation of the classic work at St. George's Anglican Church on Dec. 5. A second performance took place Dec. 8.



The Christmas Carol Choir performs *The Colours of Christmas* by John Rutter.

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Where: Wilberforce Arena
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Haliburton Pastoral Charge

When: Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St., Haliburton

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Anglican Church Services

When: Christmas Eve Dec. 24

Where: St. Peter's Maple Lake 2 p.m.,
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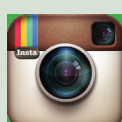
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INSIDE THE ECHO



For Edyth Dewey of Gooderham, helping her neighbours just comes naturally. That's why she's surprised to be Glamorgan's Citizen of the Year. See page 14 for details



Everyone has special memories of Christmas, and in our Second Section, four people tell their stories of Christmases past spent in Canada, India, Scotland and Austria



The story of Christ's birth was told in song and poem by the students of Cardiff Elementary School in their Christmas Concert last Thursday. Pictures of the performers are on page 23



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CHRISTMAS WISHES



Jeffery Bonham, age five, tugs thoughtfully at Santa's beard as he delivers his list of favourite toys.

Santa was at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday after hearing requests and giving out Christmas treats.

Arcade given a trial run

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The municipal council of Dysart et al is allowing an amusement centre in the village of Haliburton to operate on a 90 day trial basis before deciding whether or not to amend it's by-law regulating such establishments, at the request of the owners.

Joan Sisson and Paul Brown have opened the arcade, called "Just For The Fun Of It" on York Street in Curry Bishop's recently expanded building across from the Rail's End Gallery. They appeared before council on Monday Dec. 12, and asked that sections of By-law 83-16 be amended.

The By-law involves the licensing, regulation and control of places of amusement which are defined as

"any premises where coin operated games, pinball machines of video game machines are located for public use." Under the by-law, no one may operate an amusement centre without a license issued by the municipal council.

Sisson and Brown want the by-law amended to allow children under the age of 14 years, and as young as

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OMB approves re-zoning of Moore's Lake lots

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The Ontario Municipal board has ruled in favour of the re-zoning of the point of land between Moore's

Lake and East Moore's Lake, on the southern shore.

The land is owned James Webster and his company The Black Bear Estates. He applied to Lutterworth township to have the two lots re-zoned and severed to give him four

building lots. Lutterworth council approved the application which was sent to the OMB by neighbouring property owners who objected to the severance.

The objectors, people with cottages on the private road that services Webster's property, argued that the road is unsafe and too narrow to accommodate any additional traffic. One objector, Charles Gerditschke, argued that the road had been deeded to the municipality and the cottagers were assuming a liability risk up taking responsibility for the upkeep.

Gerditschke also argued the development of Webster's property would pose a safety threat on the

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No Echo next week...

In order that the Echo staff can enjoy a brief respite from deadlines and enjoy the holiday season with their families, there will be no edition of the paper between Christmas and New Year's. Look for the Echo on January 4, 1989! May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and joyous holiday

County and MNR disagree over designating hunt area

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

County council and the Ministry of Natural Resources disagree about the feasibility of having hunters register on their licenses, where they are going to hunt. After Minden District's Fish and Wildlife Supervisor, Stan Flemming, gave his reasons why it would be an "horrendous task," members of council were still not convinced.

Each year in the province, Flemming explained last Wednesday, 112,000 licences are issued, 8,000 of them in the Minden District. Most hunters apply "long ahead of time in order to get into the antlerless system" and a hunter in Burlington, for example, might not know his friend's lot and concession number in the Highlands. Already trappers must specify where they will set their lines and if the experience of this system is anything to judge by, doing the same with the thousands more hunters would be next to impossible, Flemming said.

Hunters are not given the privilege to do anything else than hunt, Flemming said, pointing to bearded Fish and Game and Trespass Acts which are more strict about trespassing. Townships could have by-laws stating that hunters must have a land owner's written permission to hunt on their property, although "land owners are reluctant to give written

permission because they're concerned about liability."

"The regulations are made for me (as a land owner) but you can't enforce them," said Sherborne et al reeve, Don Shortreed, the first member to comment. Flemming agreed that it is difficult for land owners because if trespass charges

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Yamafest '89 is a 'no go'

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

There will be no Yamafest '89. Local organizer Eric Edwards has had to cancel plans to hold the snowmobiling event this winter after Yamaha officials did not give their support until the first of November, "which didn't leave us enough time so we said 'No go.'"

"A lot of things from behind the scenes last year were causing problems," says Edwards, and while he gave his commitment to try it again by June 3rd, Yamaha was not as eager, even though the president of

the Ontario Snowmobile Festival Association, OSFA, Robert Gumiela, said last May that "the only thing to stop (us from having Yamafest in Haliburton) again is the community saying no."

With such a late approval date, Edwards felt he simply didn't have the time to organize a local event, which last year included snowmobile races, a casino night and dance. As far as he knows, Yamaha will not be sponsoring the event in another community this year and the only snowmobile festival in the country will be in Quebec.

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Warden tackles the future

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The new warden of Haliburton County says lake water levels and waste management are going to be the two most important issues facing the area in the next couple of years.

Keith Tallman, the reeve of Monmouth, was chosen by county council to serve as warden at last Tuesday's inaugural meeting. Tallman is replacing Glamorgan's Bob McCausland as head of the county.

In last month's federal election Environment Minister Tom McMillan was defeated in his home riding in Prince Edward Island. In a meeting, before the election, with county representatives and Victoria-Haliburton MP Bill Scott, McMillan had promised that after the election he would, "give high priority to a full investigation of this problem, including a possible feasibility study to find out how best to create additional reservoir capacity to satisfy the needs of the residents of the Haliburton Lakes

while still maintaining the integrity of the Trent-Severn Waterway."

Tallman doesn't think McMillan's defeat will pose

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Warden Keith Tallman

Merry Christmas

From the staff of The Haliburton County Echo

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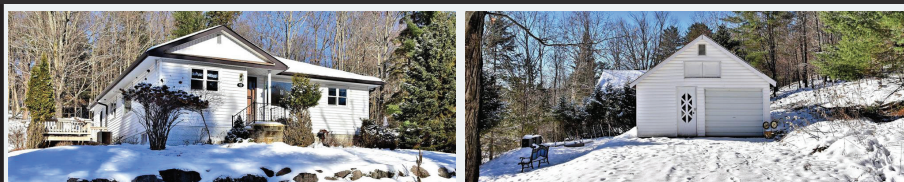
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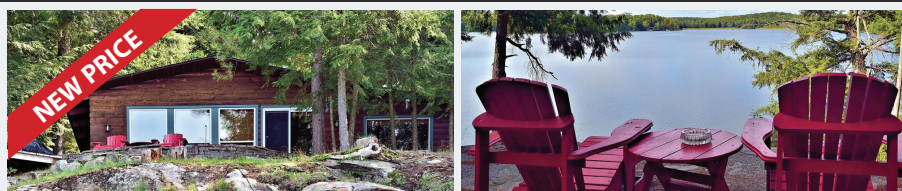
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